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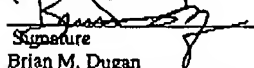
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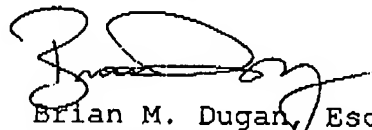

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In the Amendment dated December 22, 2006, Applicants amended several claims in this patent application, including independent claims 1, 13, 26 and 30. Applicants are not conceding that any broader claims are un-patentable over the cited art. The previously presented claim amendments and/or cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue any broader, cancelled, un-amended and/or other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

Respectfully Submitted,



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